



Israel National Biometric Project

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"And he said, Thy brother came with cunning and has taken away thy blessing"

[Genesis 27:35]



Project overview



1996

In the light of a number of security incidents, a Government decision to issue new documentation

2007

The Minister of Interior and the Director-General of the Ministry of Interior qualify the Counterterrorism Unit to carry out administrative work on the new documentation

Government decisions instructing the use of biometric means in ID cards and passports

20022005

Formulation of an operational doctrine for documentation integrated with biometrics, including a decision on the creation of a database

2008

2009

Passing of the Biometric Law: replacing of the existing ID cards and travel documents with smart identity documents that incorporate biometric means and data, and establishment of a biometric database

June 2017

Mandatory application of the law in its new form

Preparations completed for the issuance of biometric documentation

Establishment of the Biometric Database Management Authority

2012

Start of issuance of smart biometric documentation and storing of the data in the database

2013



Impersonation and identity theft



Compromises democracy: for example, the repeat elections in Beit Shemesh and Nazareth

Fraud: opening of bank accounts using a stolen identity and exploiting credit, National Insurance

Economic implications: selling of property such as cars and apartments, by impersonation

Crime: committing offenses by impersonating another

Security implications: entry into the country with a stolen identity – from the Territories/ Gaza/ other countries

Diplomatic implications: use of an Israeli passport with a stolen identity at international border crossings





Forging of identity; not forging of documentation



The smart documentation provides protection of the highest standard against forgers



When forgers are unable to forge documentation, they will impersonate another individual in order to obtain a "genuine" identity document under a false identity!

Without the database, an individual could obtain multiple identity documents by deceit





The purpose of the biometric database



One identity per person

The biometric database makes it possible to treat identity documents as reliable and the person presenting the identity document as the owner of the true identity





Israeli Law



Citizen choices

10 years validity







2 FP

Face Image







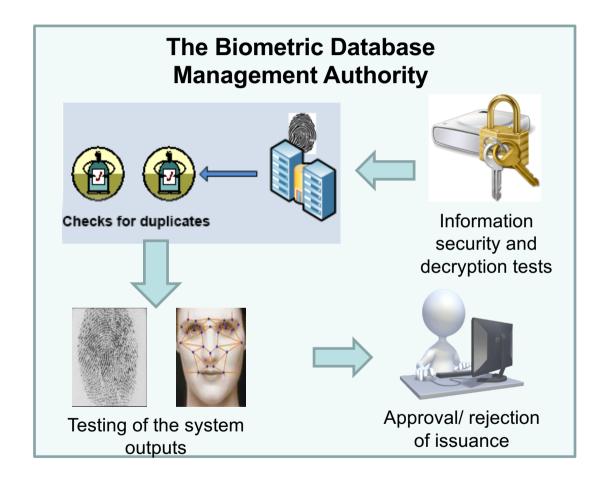
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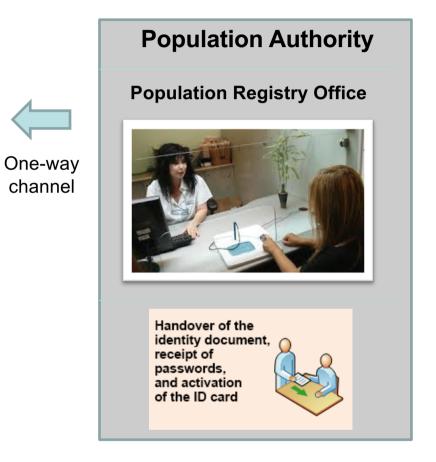




The work process









Privacy by Design (PbD)



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Serial number (not an ID number)





Facial image





Two fingerprints

No ID number

No DNA

No information on bank accounts

No information on asset ownership

No information on criminal convictions

No biographical details, such as: name, telephone number, marital status, nationality, religion, gender, etc.

No information on parking tickets

No information on driver's license

No etc. etc.



The database is air gapped



The biometric database

Managed by the Biometric Database Management **Authority**

- 2 fingerprints **Facial image**
- **Encrypted** identifying number

The data is encrypted, authorizations, and monitoring

Means of access control,

The biometric database is not linked to any network

- **Full registry details**
- **ID** numbers
- **Biographical details**
- **Demographic details**
- **Entry and exit** movements

Population Registry

Managed by the **Population Authority**



The status of the biometric project



Issuance of smart documentation to Israeli residents began July, 2013

The trial period (voluntary) lasted until June 2017

As of June 1, 2017 mandatory application to all residents

Residents of the 3.5M State of Israel have received new biometric documentation

In average are joining every month



The AFIS



System compliant with Israeli law.

- Only biometrics data.
- Privacy by Design (PbD)
- A deletion module
- No external connections whatsoever (I/O)
 - In the future security forces will be able to do verification and identification.
- The data in the system is classified as "Top Secret", and hence it incorporates the most advanced cyber sec. systems in the world.



* The data in the depiction is synthetic data only, and is not part of the biometric database



The BDMA Challenges



Could We Switch to Face only System ???

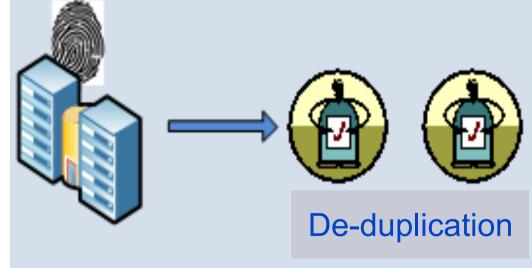
- 10M records.
- Aging of 10 years.
- Only Biometric Da
- The law (head cov



Face Image









The Authority's challenges- The Human aspects



We are excellent at recognizing people that we know





The Authority's challenges



But how are we dealing with pepole we are not familier with?

- Lambs
- head cover
- Make up
- Ageing



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Thank you

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